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Summary of Rule Changes for 2016

- Amended Rule 3.05 to increase the length of the first baseman's glove or mitt to a maximum of 13 inches.
- Amended Rule 3.06 to increase the measurement of a fielder's glove to a maximum of 13 inches from top to bottom.
- Added new Rule 4.04(c) regarding postponed games and "No Games."

Summary of Rule Changes for 2016

- Amended Rules 5.04(b)(4)(A) and 5.04(b)(4)(B), the Batter's Box Rule, to include additional situations when the batter may legally step out of the batter's box.
- Amended Rule 5.06(b)(3)(C) and 5.06(b)(3)(C) Comment regarding a fielder stepping or falling into an out-of-play area.
 - NO MORE CATCH AND CARRY
- Amended Rule 5.08(b) regarding game-ending plays.
 - (SPECTATORS rush the field)

Summary of Rule Changes for 2016

- Amended Rule 5.09(a)(1) Comment to include that a fielder stepping into any out-of-play area will render the ball dead, and all runners shall be awarded one base.
 - If a fielder, attempting a catch at the edge of the dugout, is “held up” and kept from an apparent fall by a player or players of either team and the catch is made, it shall be allowed.
- Amended Rule 5.09(b)(9), passing of runners, by adding Comment and Play. - SEE NEXT SLIDE
- Amended Rule 5.09(c)(3) regarding the batter-runner overrunning or oversliding first base.

PLAY—Runners on second base and third base with one out. The runner from third base (i.e., the lead runner) makes an advance toward home and is caught in a rundown between third base and home plate. Believing the lead runner will be tagged out, the runner at second base (i.e., the trailing runner) advances to third base. Before being tagged, the lead runner runs back to and beyond third base toward left field. At this time, the trailing runner has passed the lead runner as a result of the lead runner's actions. As a result, the trailing runner is out and third base is unoccupied. The lead runner is entitled to third base if he returns to touch it before he is out, see Rule 5.06(a)(1), unless he is declared out for abandoning the bases.

Summary of Rule Changes for 2016

- Amended Rule 5.12(b)(6) regarding a fielder stepping or falling into an out-of-play area after catching a fly ball.
- Amended Rule 6.01(a)(1) regarding interference by the batter-runner when he hinders the catcher attempting to field the ball after a third strike not caught.
 - If the pitched ball deflects off the catcher or umpire and subsequently touches the batter-runner, it is not considered interference unless, in the judgment of the umpire, the batter-runner clearly hinders the catcher in his attempt to field the ball.
- Added new Rule 6.01(j) regarding a runner sliding to bases on double play attempts. Cross-references to this rule added to appropriate rules as necessary.

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- Added new Rule 6.03(a)(4) regarding a batter who throws his bat and hits the catcher. Exception now applies to Rules 6.03(a)(3) and 6.06(a)(4). Comment now applies to 6.03(a)(3) and 6.06(a)(4).
 - (BATTER IS OUT:) He throws his bat into fair or foul territory and hits a catcher (including the catcher's glove) and the catcher was attempting to catch a pitch with a runner(s) on base and/or the pitch was a third strike.
- Renumbered previous Rule 6.03(a)(4) to Rule 6.03(a)(5) and renumbered previous Rule 6.03(a)(4) Comment to Rule 6.03(a)(5) Comment.
- Amended Rule 7.01(e) regarding postponed, suspended, and "No Games."
- Changed the title of Rule 7.02 to "Suspended, Postponed, and Tie Games."

Summary of Rule Changes for 2016

- Amended Rules 7.02(b)(4), 7.02(b)(4)(A), and 7.02(b)(4)(B), and 7.02(b)(5), and 7.02(b) Comment regarding regulation, suspended, or tie games not completed prior to the last scheduled game between two Clubs.
- Changed the numbering of 7.02(b)(4)(C) to 7.02(b)(5) and amended that section regarding postponed, suspended, or tie games that have not been completed prior to the last scheduled game between two Clubs.
- Amended the definitions of “Touch” and “Tag” (Definitions follow Rule 9.00, The Rules of Scoring). Added new Comment to the definition of “Touch.”
- Revised Diagram #4 (Appendix 4) on page 156 to reflect new maximum length of fielder’s glove.